

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4 June 2026 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Bain Smith, John Renshaw, Jane Darling, Bridget Chapman, Christine Dickinson.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Liz McShane Councillor Renshaw was absent.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Liz Timmins (Communities & Grants Officer)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Liz McShane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 May 2026 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 May 2026 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor B Chapman

Seconded: Councillor J Darling

Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0 ; Ab: 0

4. SHORNCLIFFE ROAD - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee's views were sought on the proposed pedestrian improvements to Shorncliffe Road.

The committee welcomes the enthusiasm to improve the road for pedestrians and cyclists. Our comments are firstly that any changes to layouts must be accompanied by addressing the severe potholes and breakdown in the substructure of the road. We note there are no details

of how cyclists are separated from motorists by way of any physical barriers such as raised kerbs. We are concerned that the Refuge Islands to the roads leading into Shorncliffe Road are proposed far back from the pavement of Shorncliffe Road and feel that pedestrians will cross along the line of the pavement instead, where it is natural to do so. We feel there are too few Refuge Islands along Shorncliffe Road Pedestrians and cyclists should be given priority over motorists.

We also feel that zebra crossings should be provided at the care home, Kent college and Earls Cliff school site, where there are potentially vulnerable pedestrians.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 26/0680/FH
Location 134 & 134a Sandgate Road
Proposal Listed Building Consent for external repairs & refurbishment, re-roofing, alterations to fenestration & associated alterations including replacement rainwater goods & re-pointing.
Closing date 03/06/2026
Comment **Support – The committee supports the application but note that there are no details supplied for the Crittall windows proposed, this could be dealt with by condition.**

Application no 26/0697/FH
Location 23 White Cliff Way
Proposal Erection of front porch, rear extension, rear dormer, rooflight, air source heat pump, & stepped landscaping at rear.
Closing date 05/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0703/FH
Location Unit C14, Pent Road
Proposal Change of use from Class E to Class B8 (storage & distribution).
Closing date 05/06/2026
Comment **Object – there is no detail in the application about how much traffic this change of use would engender. We note that this is an area close to a school and there is little provision in pavement and crossing arrangements and that the school was not consulted.**

Application no	26/0721/FH/TCA
Location	57 Earls Avenue
Proposal	Works to trees in a conservation area, comprising of T1 Cherry, reduce canopy by 1-1.5 metres.
Closing date	08/06/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/0756/FH
Location	52 Firs Lane
Proposal	Work to tree covered by a TPO No 06 of 1995 comprising of T1 Cherry reducing the crown by 2 - 3 metres vertically & pruning back to suitable growth points and where appropriate, previous reduction points.
Closing date	08/06/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/0672/FH
Location	53 Greenfield Road
Proposal	Installation of rear dormer & 2 No velux windows to front roof slope.
Closing date	08/06/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/0747/FH
Location	Rhodesia House, 2 Clifton Crescent
Proposal	Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission 25/2055/FH to allow for the addition of 5 no. conservation roof lights & removal of balustrading to flat 5.
Closing date	08/06/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/0732/FH
Location	Rhodesia House, 2 Clifton Crescent
Proposal	Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission 25/2058/FH (Listed Building Consent) to allow for the addition of 5 no. conservation roof lights & removal of balustrading to flat 5.
Closing date	08/06/2026
Comment	No objection

Application no 26/0765/FH/TCA
Location 6 Albion Villas
Proposal Work to tree in conservation area comprising of T1 Sycamore crown reduction on lower laterals limbs by 2-3 metres & crown lifting them to a height of 5 metres.
Closing date 12/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0716/FH
Location Abbeywell Veterinary Clinic, 2 & 3 Majestic Parade, Sandgate Road
Proposal Erection of a rear single-storey extension following demolition of existing rear wall.
Closing date 10/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0731/FH
Location 56 Coolinge Lane
Proposal Erection of a single-storey lower ground rear extension.
Closing date 10/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0746/FH
Location 103 Bouverie Road West
Proposal Single storey front porch, garage conversion, alteration to rear extension and replacement cladding to front and rear dormers.
Closing date 10/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0748/FH
Location 20 London Street
Proposal Installation of exterior cladding to front and rear elevations (retrospective).
Closing date 11/06/2026
Comment **Object – the terrace houses are attractive late Georgian building and the proposed artificial cladding is wholly out of keeping.**

Application no 26/0722/FH
Location Flat 11, 3 Trinity Crescent

Proposal Alterations and reduction in size of existing dormer on the side/north elevation.
Closing date 25/06/2026
Comment **Object – The proposed dormer is an alien form with its flat roof and furthermore bluntens the original attractive gambrel form of the roof. We also object to the proposed use of UPVC rainwater goods and UPVC fenestration on a listed building.**

6. PREMISES LICENCES

Application no PR202605-133691
Location The South East Emporium, 2B The Old High Street
Proposal Alcohol ON & OFF sales, Films, Live Music, Recorded Music.
Closing date 15/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no PR202605-133839
Location Salty Cup, 8 Church Street
Proposal Alcohol ON & OFF sales
Closing date 18/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

7. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 26/0770/FH
Location Basement, 86 Guildhall Street
Proposal Single storey rear extension.
Closing date 17/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

Application no 26/0799/FH
Location 14 Linksway
Proposal Erection of a replacement front porch.
Closing date 18/06/2026
Comment **No objection**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 25 June 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 20.00 pm.

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